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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : ALLMANDINGER et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/695,958  
Filed : October 30, 2003  
Title : ADJUSTABLE FLANGE DEVICE FOR COVER MEMBER IN  
DRIVE AXLE ASSEMBLY  
Group Art Unit : 3681  
Examiner : HO, H.D.  
Docket No. : 08200.623

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July 7, 2005

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

The following is written in response to the Official Action dated April 19, 2005. Please, kindly reconsider the application in light of the arguments presented herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

No extensions are believed necessary for this filing. However, applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extensions or other relief associated with this filing and authorizes the commissioner to charge applicant's representative's charge account 50-0548 for any deficiencies.